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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Shimkets *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/715,417 EXAMINER: R. Hutson
FILING DATE: November 16, 2000 ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the September 6, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 6, 2003. This application is now entitled to small entity status. A check in the amount of \$205.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-606 (Cura 106). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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